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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRANSPORT ALASKA OIL BY RAIL

1. ON RETURN TO BRITISH COLUMBIA EVENING MARCH 13 PREMIER BARRETT SPOKE FAVORABLY OF HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON AND BLAMED CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR QUOTE LAXITY IN PRESENTING POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE (FOR TRANSPORT ALASKA OIL) AND THUS FORCING AMERICANS TO BECOME FIXED IN THEIR POSITION UNQUOTE. HE REPORTED THAT US GOVERNMENT VIEWS HIS PROPOSAL AS QUOTE BACK- UP ALTERNATIVE TO PIPE- LINE- TANKER SCHEME (AND) CAN NOT UNDERSTAND OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE.

2. CANADA ENVIRONMENT MINISTER JACK DAVIS REPORTEDLY HAS DESCRIBED BARRETT PROPOSAL AS QUOTE HALF- BAKER UNQUOTE AND COMPLAINED THAT FED GOVT NOT CONSULTED PRIOR BARRETT VISIT WASHINGTON. (THIS NOT QUITE ACCURATE SINCE PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU SPECIFICALLY OFFERED ASSIST BARRETT VISIT IN MESSAGE FORWARDED VANCOUVER A- 21.)

3. LOCAL LIBERAL PARTY OPPOSITION LEADER DAVID ANDERSON NOT SURPRISINGLY OPPOSED BARRETT PROPOSAL AND SOCRED OPPOSITION LEADER W. A. C. BENNETT ALSO CRITICIZED SCHEME. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION SPOKESMEN ARE CAUTIOUS IN COMMENTS,
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HOWEVER, NEWSPAPERS ARE GIVING LOCAL PLAY TO ENTHUSIASTIC
ENDORSEMENT OF RAILROAD TRANSPORT OF ALASKA OIL BY SENIOR
OFFICIAL YUKON TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION AND BY REPUBLICAN
GOVERNOR EVANS OF WASHINGTON STATE. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN
LARGEST LOCAL MORNING PAPER, PROVINCE, BALANCED, CAUTIOUS BUT
GENERALLY APPROVING BARRETT INITIATIVE.
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